

Madison County Electoral Board

Minutes of the March 27, 2019 Meeting DRAFT

Attendees: Electoral Board Members, Mark Farmer (Chair), Susanna Spencer (Vice Chair), Bonita Burr (Secretary), General Registrar Diana Eanes,

The Agenda was amended to include status of the Web-site.

The Minutes of the March 7, Electoral Board Meeting were approved as read.

New Business

General Registrar Diana Eanes has provided the Electoral Board with a letter stating that she will retire as of June 30, 2019.

The EB reviewed the available information regarding the appointment of a new General Registrar (GR) which is available in the Code of Virginia and in the Department of Elections Handbook. Diana Eanes also shared information that she received in the course of conversations with her contacts at ELECT. Two points were discussed in particular: 1. Since Madison County has a population of under 25,000 the GR does not have to be a resident/voter of the County. However, the EB agreed to confine its search to Madison, Greene and Orange counties. 2. The Code does not require the EB to advertise the position in the newspaper or other job search methods. However, the EB agreed that to be able to locate the best candidate in the fairest possible light we would proceed to advertise in the Madison, Orange and Greene newspapers. The position will also be advertised on the Madison County web-site and will provide information and links to the Va. Code describing the position. Since time is of the essence, we will advertise for 2 weeks only. Applications must include a cover letter, resume and the Madison County Application form and are due by April 19. The EB will discuss applicants at the next EB meeting, April 24. The EB plans to be prepared to begin the search the week of April 1.

Old Business

The dates and times of **the June 11 primary canvass** meetings will be: Wednesday June 12 at 9:30 am, Thursday June 13 at 9:00 am and Friday June 14 at 12:00 noon.

Susanna Spencer provided us with an update on the search for a new location for the **Crighersville Precinct**. She has a list of all churches in the precinct map and is contacting them with regards to willingness to be a voting precinct, location, facilities, and adherence to ADA requirements. We will make a decision when all the information is available.

Bonita Burr discussed the **change of Emergency Polling Place** from the Madison Fire Hall to Madison County Administration Building with County Administrator Jack Hobbs. He said that the Admin. Building will be undergoing some repairs and that we should wait until September to revisit this topic.

Status of Election Officials. 2 new Election Officials have been sworn in: Charles Farmer and Temple Murray. One Election Official has resigned: Margaret Clifton, Chief of Madison Precinct.

The County is proceeding to contract paving the disability parking space at the **new Etlan precinct**. An EB representative must attend the April 9 BOS meeting to speak to this requirement.

Mark Farmer addressed the **General Registrar and Electoral Board Information on the Madison County Website**. He noted that he had difficulty getting to this information on the county website because Google and other search engines do not recognize all the keywords that users might input to find what they are looking for. However, once the website is accessed, he found that the information is complete.

The next Electoral Board Meeting will be held on April 24, 2019 at 5pm following the CAP L & A.

Bonita Burr, Secretary